

WHISPERS

VOLUME 8, ISSUE 1

20TH JANUARY 2012

New Editor Sought

by Ken Swan, Current Whispers Editor

I am actively seeking a member who will assume the role of newsletter editor come April.

The new editor will contribute to the life of the club and continue the means of communication with the WPGC membership that Whispers has established over the past seven and a half years.

After editing the newsletter for all of that time (barring 3 or 4 issues which Jen edited), my circumstances are changing and I will not be able to produce a fortnightly newsletter. I intend to edit Whispers up until the end of March and then hand over to a new editor.

I am offering to train/help/assist a new editor and anyone wanting to talk to me about the position can contact me on 0419 378 978 or email me at ken.swan@aanet.com.au

I have found it useful to have some computer skills and have produced the newsletter using Word and Publisher. I have used the latter program for several years.

There is a regular band of contributors who help make the editors job easier. I have used a regular format but this does not preclude the new editor from instituting their own ideas.

Please consider this position and volunteer. Your help is needed!



INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Women's Golf Report	2
Senior & NWR Pennant	2
Course Report & Bird Damage	2
Monthly Medals	2
Notices for Members	3
Winners are Grinners	3
Eagle's Nest	4

Captain's Report

By Jenny Greaves



I would like to start the first Whispers by wishing a Happy 2012 to all our Members. I hope the Christmas/New Year holiday period was enjoyable for you and your family, and that 2012 is a year of good health, happiness and good golf!

AUSTRALIA DAY EVENT

Australia Day is almost here. We will again be having a 7.30am shotgun start – assemble at 7.00am for a Best 3 out of 4 Team Event / Individual Stableford. The field is full, and I urge anyone who wants to play to see the guys in the Pro Shop and get on the 'reserves' list ASAP. The day has been sponsored by The Victoria Hotel Melbourne, and will be great fun. I hope to see you there.

NWRGA PENNANT

I had the pleasure of attending NWRGA Pennant on Sunday, and enjoyed it very much (please see report). Thank you to all who played, those that have put their name down to play, and to John Lavan and Rod Leitch for all their efforts organising it. We had a great day with the Juniors winning and the Seniors just missing out. The best of luck (and skill) with your matches this week guys!

SENIOR PENNANT

While on the subject of Pennant Roger Chambers has again agreed to coordinate

the Seniors Pennant. Thank you Roger! (See page 2 for details).

PENNANT SHIRTS & CAPS

And finally on Pennant, thank you again to Rod and Yvonne Collinder for providing the Pennant shirts and caps. The guys looked terrific.

ANNIVERSARY CUP

Congratulations to Tim Murphy on winning the Anniversary Cup. This event was rescheduled from late November to 17 December due to inclement weather. Tim had an amazing 47 points to take out the Cup. That is an outstanding score Tim – well done!

PLAYOFF DATES

For those that have won a medal, cap or brooch in this golf year, the dates for the playoffs are:

Women's Medal of Medals – Wednesday 22 February

Cap of Caps – Thursday 23 February and

Men's Medal of Medals / Women's Brooch Playoff – Saturday 25 February
Good luck to all Members playing off in these events.

GRADES TRIAL

This time last year the Golf Committee undertook a review of the Grades for both Saturday and Thursdays, with ad-

justments put in place to even the grades out and make the comps equitable for all Members. At the time the conditions were very wet and heavy and handicaps had drifted out, making the numbers of players in both B and C grades very high. The stats were studied, and the grades were set for the new golf year.

It has again become apparent that the numbers in each grade are inequitable. The grade with the biggest numbers at the moment is A grade whose size has significantly increased while the numbers in B, C and D grades have declined. The weather has not been as heavy this year as it was last year and it is showing in Members handicaps. As an example on a Thursday we had a day where 66% of the field (96 players) were in A Grade. A most unfair situation.

We do not believe it is possible to predict what the trend will be for Members handicaps over the next 12 months, and so the Golf Committee has decided to trial on Thursdays (for the next four weeks until our next meeting) simply dividing the field into two equal groups to determine the boundaries of the grades, instead of using the current set system. (Con't on Page 2)

Captain's Report Continued

This means that the grades will shift slightly week to week, depending on the handicaps of those that play, but also that the numbers in each are as equal as we can get them.

The numbers of players in each of the grades on Saturdays is also skewed at the moment, and is currently under review. Email captain@werribeparkgolf.com.au if you would like to share your thoughts on this matter.

As a committee we strive to make golf fair, equitable and enjoyable for every Member and hope you will support us in our endeavours to do so.
See you out there.

Women's Golf Report Lynne Cornfield, Women's Captain

Happy New Year to all, lets hope 2012 brings great golfing. For those who went away, hope you are returned well rested. We had good fields of Ladies over the Christmas/ New Year break which made it fun & more competitive for all who played.

JANUARY MEDAL

The January Medal was hotly contested and resulted in a 4 way play off between Adele Dowling, Lyn Boyd, Jill Penter and Rita Greguric all with a nett score of 75. The play off will be on February Medal Day. May the best lady win.

FOND FAREWELL'S

Unfortunately we are losing a few of our lady members & staff in the near future. Wendy Barnes (Past Captain) announced that, due to work commitments, she will be leaving WPGC. Jill Penter will be moving back to WA after 4 years in Melbourne, to continue her career and to be nearer to family and grandchildren and Maree Billett is moving to Bendigo after many years at WPGC, also to be nearer family and grandchildren. Also Robyn, who has fed & watered us all for many years is leaving to pursue a very worthy career in aged care. We will miss you ladies but totally understand your reasoning and wish you luck as we wave you goodbye.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUSTRALIA DAY – Is now a full field I am told (How fantastic)

FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2012 - WPGC WOMENS OPEN

(SPONSORED BY **COLLINDER ELECTRICS**)

Ladies, if you have any special news, photo's, results from other events etc etc for Whispers could you please e-mail me at lynncornfield@gmail.com

Monthly Medals, Thursday Cap and Saturday Brooch.

Congratulations to these golfers who had January triumphs.

MEN'S MEDAL: **Charles Vella**

WOMEN'S MEDAL: to be decided by playoff.

LADIES SATURDAY BROOCH: **Sarah Grubey**

THURSDAY CAP: **John Hennessy**

The January Sponsor of the Medals is

DURANTE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING

SENIOR PENNANT—Team wanted

An open invitation is extended to join the men's senior pennant team.

Matches are played on Fridays, usually starting at 12 o'clock.

Matches will run over 8 weeks beginning in March and are played locally. Players are grouped to play in similar handicaps and the matches are on scratch.

To be eligible you will be over 55 years of age and a member of WPGC.

If you would like to be part of the team representing your club, please give your details (name, DOB, Contact phone number, email address) ASAP to:

Roger Chambers 0418 320 174 rfchambers2@bigpond.com

Or

Greg Jackson 9741 2312 gjackson6@bigpond.com

NWR Pennant & 4BBB Matchplay

WPGC is again participating in the North West Region Golf Association's Sunday Pennant competition.

The competition comprises teams from 12 clubs in our geographical region, split into two divisions. We are playing in the Northern Division which includes Bacchus Marsh, Gisborne, Goonawarra, Melbourne Airport and Koorringal Golf Clubs. Each team consists of 9 senior and 3 junior players.

The first of five 'home & away' rounds was played on Sunday 15th January when we hosted Melbourne Airport Golf Club. The juniors won 2 & 1 with wins to Brandon Fredrickson (5/4) and Matt Baker (2/1). The seniors went down narrowly 5 points to 4. Carl Gibbard (3/2), Tim Hassett (2up) and Harry Noh (2up) won while Dave Hutton and Charlie Vella halved their matches.

The next round is scheduled for Sunday 22nd January when we play away to the defending champions, Gisborne Golf Club.

Thirteen pairs entered this years 4BBB Matchplay Championship. A random draw was conducted on 16th January and has been e-mailed to all players. Please note that the following 1st round matches must be completed by 12th February:

Ken Swan & Greg Jackson vs Brett Cook & John Brunt
Rod Leitch & Charlie Vella vs Graeme Box & Jeff Schadendorff
Gavin Jackaman & Travis Cook vs Mark Cook & Derrick Head
John Brown & Luke Brown vs Bernard Hallinan & Graeme Johnston
Cam Mernone & Brendon Mc Fadden vs Ron Wilson & Shane Wilson

John Lavan, Vice Captain & Major Events Coordinator

COURSE REPORT and BIRD DAMAGE RELIEF.



The course is drying out as players will have noticed and the birds (crows and galahs) are tearing up the areas of dried up winter grasses. Players are advised that any damage caused by the birds is unsightly but not long lasting. The kikuyu will over take these areas. Should your ball lodge in one of the torn up areas, you are covered by ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITIONS (Definitions) and Rule 25-1(b) in the Rules of Golf which entitles you to a free drop at the nearest point of relief from the condition. Read all the Rule for exceptions.

Werribee Park Golf Club Newsletter

350 K Road,
Werribee South 3030
Ph 9742 1397

E-mail: admin@werribeeparkgolf.com.au
editor@werribeeparkgolf.com.au

**WHISPERS
PUBLICATION
DATES FOR THE
NEXT TWO ISSUES
THE FIRST IN 2012**

Friday February 2nd

Friday February 16th

Copy for publication is required
by 5pm on the Wednesday prior
to publication.



Congratulations to

Alan Wastel who eagled
the 6th hole on Thursday 5th
January.



When my Doctor asked me
If I led an active life I told
him about my day:

"Well, yesterday afternoon,
I waded across the edge of
a deep lake, barely
escaped from a wild pig in
the heavy brush, marched
along a treacherous trail
up and down a mountain,
stood in a patch of poison
ivy, crawled out of quick-
sand,
and barely escaped jump-
ing away from an aggres-
sive brown snake."

Inspired by my story, the
Doctor said, "You must be
an awesome out-
doorsman!"

"No," I replied, "I'm just a
s*** golfer."

Winners are Grinners

Saturday 7th January

Stroke

Medal Day

Gross

A:	Des Murphy (c/b)	74
B:	Charles Vella	77
C:	Tony Smith	91
D:	John Crookes	93

Nett

A:	Roman Susi	66
B:	Charles Vella	61
C:	Barry Doyle	72
D:	John Crookes	70

Ladies: Sarah Grubey 70

NTP: 3rd Frank Dombi

8th Alan Pengelly

15th Garry Ward

Ladies 15th Roz Humphreys

17th Scott Whiting

Sunday 8th January

Stableford

John Lavan 36

NTP: 15th Carl Gibbard

Tuesday 10th January

Stableford

Graeme Barrow (c/b) 38

NTP: 3rd Gus Starpins

15th Alan Hogan

Wednesday 11th January

Women Stableford

A: Judy Parr 29

B: Jan Jones 33

NTP:

15th Christine Arnold

Thursday 12th January

Stroke

A: William Kennedy (c/b) 69

B: John Hennessy 69

NTP: 3rd Des Tudor

8th Steven Edmonstone

15th William Kennedy

17th Geoff Roach

Saturday 14th January

A: Gerry Richards (c/b) 39

B: Rob Scott 43

C: Ken Swan (c/b) 41

D: Mark Grubey 41

Ladies: Fay Crookes 36

NTP: 3rd John Crookes

8th Bernard Hallinan

15th Michael Watkins

17th Michael Watkins

Sunday 15th January

Stableford

Robert Petersen 42

NTP: 15th Robert Petersen

Tuesday 17th January

Stableford

Louis Dowling (c/b) 41

NTP: 3rd George Burhop

15th Peter Brogden

Wednesday 18th January

Women Par

A: Fay Crookes (c/b) 2

B: Jill Penter 3

NTP: 3rd Jill Penter

15th Noeline Chalmers

Thursday 19th January

Par

A: Cam Mernone +8

B: Ken Moulin (c/b) +6

NTP: 3rd Shane Rouse

8th Warren Eldridge

15th Greg Jackson

17th Peter Meenie

NOTICES for all Members

from the Administration Manager

Membership Fees

"A new membership/golfing system is currently being adopted. Billing hopefully will be in early February as per previous years, with full payment due by 1ST MARCH. Monthly payments will still be available over a 12 month period. The New billing will show the full \$\$\$\$ plus the monthly payment plan \$\$\$\$ should members wish to take up this option."

Email Updates

The phones have been out of order in the last week (they are in the process of being restored) due to a motor vehicle accident. The club advised members by email but a number of the emails bounced and were returned. This means that the email address held in our membership system is not up to date. If you have changed your email in the past 6 months please send an email to the club with the words "UPDATE EMAIL" in the subject bar and include your name and membership number. Thank you in anticipation.

Replacement GOLF Link cards

Your golf link card will be used at the bar/kitchen in the new golf year starting March 1st. If you have an old or damaged card or can't find your GOLF Link card then complete a GOLF Link Replacement Card Order form on the GOLF Link website. The site contains this important piece of information. "A replacement GOLF Link card can be ordered at a cost of \$5.50 (which includes GST, postage and handling). If your card is over 5 years old, it will be replaced free of charge."

As advised the club is no longer able to replace your GOLF Link card.

Staff Change

Amanda (Mandy) Green has agreed to be employed in the position of Food & Beverage Attendant Level 4 (Robyn's Position) full time.